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13 BIDDERS FOR GARAGE AND POLICE STATION

WINCHESTER FIRM LOW BIDDER

The Sarno Construction Company, of 59 Bacon Street, Winchester is the apparant low bidder for the construction of the new Town Garage and new Police Station.

A company with a long record of building schools and hospitals, they bid a price of $118,000 for the construction of the two buildings, but not including site preparation and a few alternates which may be adopted by the Permanent Building Committee.

Second lowest bid was $123,989, by the Griecci Construction Company of Belmont, and the third was $125,353 by the Sasso Construction Co of Malden.

A total of 13 firms submitted bids for the construction of two buildings.

The award has to be made with in 30 days, according to the terms of the contract specifications.

The Town Meeting of August 17th will need a confirming vote, with regard to appropriations before the permanent Building Committee can make the award.

GLEN ROAD HEARING TO BE IN BARROWS AUDITORIUM

HEARING SET FOR AUGUST 18TH

The Middlesex County Commissioners will conduct a public hearing in the Herbert C. Barrows Auditorium, at 7:30 pm on August 17th., in the Herbert C Barrows Auditorium, relative to the proposed widening of Glen Road.

Originally scheduled for the Town Hall, the hearing has been transferred to the Barrows Auditorium at the request of Temporary Town Manager Stanley Webber, in order to provide room for all the residents of that street.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE VOTES TO REQUEST ADDITIONAL EMERGENCY ESCAPES IN BOUTWELL SCHOOL

The Wilmington School Committee, on July 29th voted to ask the Permanent Building Committee to install, if feasible, additional emergency exits in the new school to be built off Boutwell Street.

The committee felt that emergency exits should particularly be provided for rooms near the boiler room, and at one time during the conversation spoke of room numbers 2, 7, and 10 as being the best location for such exits.

Fred Melzar, new member of the committee introduced the subject of new doors, to the meeting, and it was unanimously voted on motion of Arthur V. Lynch.

Other additions to the specifications of the new school, over and above those for the off-Glen Road school were made

One of these, suggested by Lynch and Melzar, was that no seating arrangements be provided, for spectators, in the basketball court arrangement, (which is less than standard size).

Another change, proposed by Melzar, was the addition of the word 'refrigerated' to the specifications for storage space for surplus commodities.

A third addition, offered by Henry F. Sullivan and Melzar, was to a statement about the Terrazzoo floors, proposed. The addition states 'due to the ease of maintainance and for the purpose of long-range economy.'

The Permanent Building Committee, Tuesday evening, voted to accept the proposal of the School Board, for emergency exits in the proposed Boutwell Street School, and to send the proposals to the architect for study and evaluation.



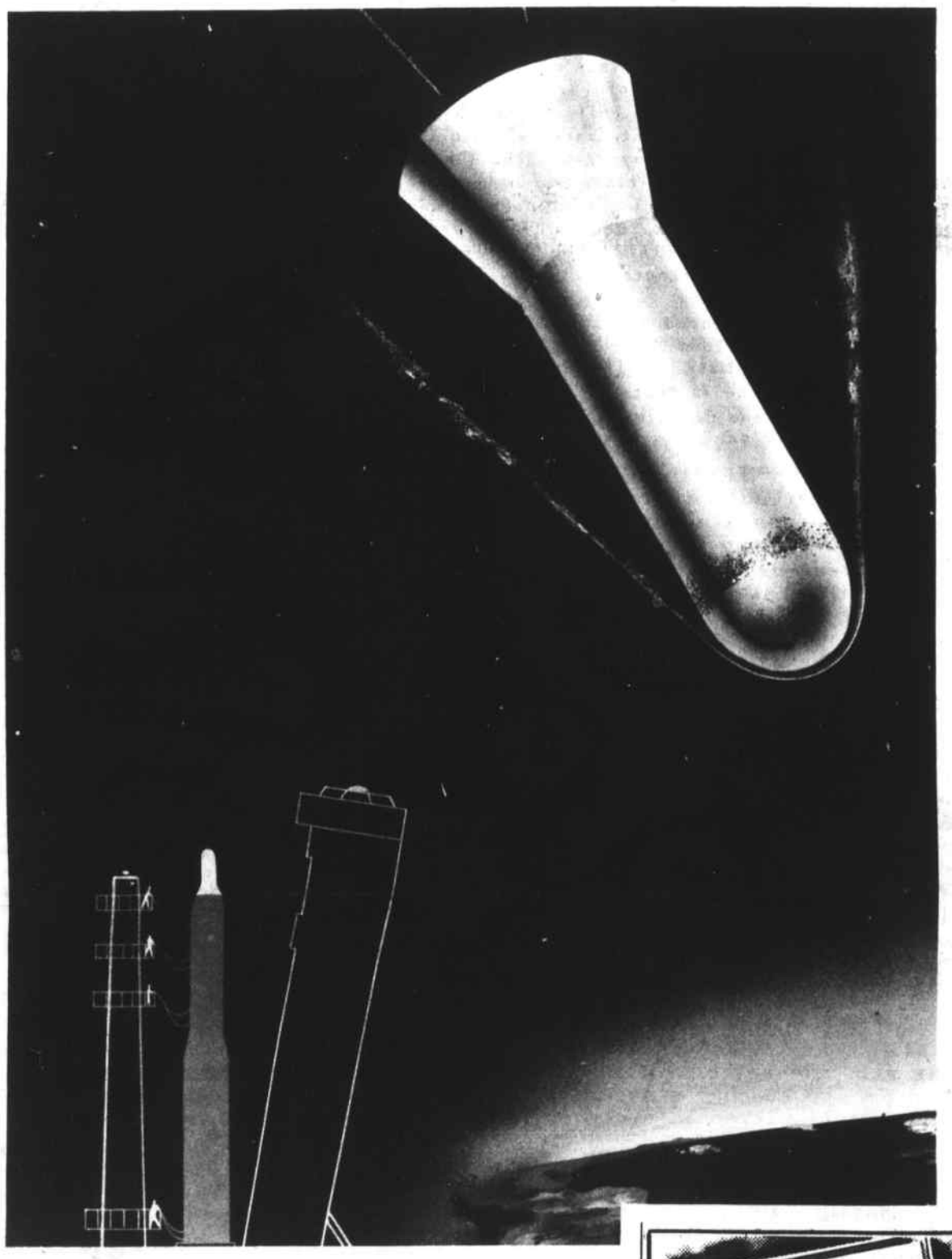
SYLVIA LEVINE APPOINTED ASSISTANT SCHOOL NURSE

Mrs. Sylvia Levine, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Solow of Salem Street has been appointed Assistant School Nurse, for the Wilmington Public Schools. The appointment was voted last week by the Wilmington School Committee, in an unanimous vote.

She will be assistant to Miss Arline Halpin, of Reading, who has been promoted to Head Nurse, to succeed Mrs. Esther Nichols, retiring.

Mrs. Levine, the widow of the late Ted Levine has lived most of her life in Wilmington, and is a graduate of the local schools.

She is a graduate of the Massachusetts State Hospital, and affiliated at the Boston City Hospital. She attended Simmons College, in Boston, and has worked in the Massachusetts General Hospital, and the New England Deaconess Hospital. She was a private duty Nurse at the Cancer Memorial Hospmtal in New York, and among other hospitals included Mt. Sinai and Cornell University.



AVCO'S NEW MISSILE

An artist's conception of a flight over an ocean test range of thd Air Force Titan Re-Entry Vehicle (nose cone), for which the Wilmington AVCO plant has just been given a $73 million contract, for research and development.

1959 SCHOOL AID WILL AMOUNT TO $176,269.18

The Town of Wilmington can expect a re-imbursement from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts amounting to $176,269.18 Supt. of Schools John Collins informed the School Committee, last week, for the fiscal year 1959.

The reimbursement will be as follows:

School Aid	$125,471.68
Special Education	10,213.96
Special Education	118,60
Transportation	25,938.63
State Wards	14,526.31
Total	$176,269.18

ST. DOROTHY'S GIRLS TO PLAY THEIR DADS, SUNDAY

St. Dorothy's girls softball team, through for the season in league play, will be the defending champions, in a return match with their dads, next Sunday.

Arrangements have not been completed for the site of the game. It will probably be in the Town Park, or at the AVCO Park.

MAIN STREET CROSSING GATES HEARING TODAY

The Department of Public Utilities will conduct a hearing in Room 166 of the State House at 10 am today, on the proposed railroad crossing gates, at Main Street and Middlesex Avenue.

AVCO GETS $73 MILLION CONTRACT

Wilmington's Research and Advanced Development Division of Avco Corp has been awarded a $73,360,000 contract, according to an announcement by Maj. Gen. Ben I Funk, Commander of the Air Materiel Command's Ballistic Missile Center and James B. Kerr, Avco division president. The announcement was made yesterday morning.

The contract is for research and development of the advanced design of the nose cone for the Titan intercontinental ballistic missile. It differs slightly from the Thor-Able nose cone, which was first exhibited in Wilmington last May.

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LETHAL WEAPONS

Of the various motor boats which from time to time are operated on Silver Lake three, in the hands of young boys are the most dangerous.

A 12 year old Silver Lake boy, while operating on the lake was involved in a collision with a rowboat, and we understand there is a lawsuit pending.

A 14 year olu boy from Silver Lake operates a motor boat very recklessly. His father does not even know that the boy is operating the boat.

A 14 year old boy from So. Tewksbury has been towing friends on water skis, sometimes very very close to swimmers at the various beaches. So far he has not been involved in an accident.

We hope that the Article for the Regulation of Motor Boats, prepared by our Town Counsel will be allowed to be voted, in our ndxt annual town meeting, without amendment from our well-meaning citizens. As things now stand the police can do nothing.

ANOTHER ROUND?

Wilmington residents are generally in agreement with the actions of the School Committee, in which the teacher's salary schedule has been deliberately placed on a higher scale than that of contiguous towns.

If Wilmington were to pay second-class salaries it would get that type of teacher. We have been paying better salaries in recent years, and the result is to be shown in the type of teacher in our public schools - Mr. Sullivan and Mr. Kelley, to name two of them.

Good salaries for school teachers pays, - and, of course, costs the tax payer money. But poor salaries, in the long run, would cost more

All of which brings us to the point.

Wilmington is now paying a minimum of $3800 to teachers, just beginning, with increases for service, Master's degrees, etc.

The Town of Billerica, according to the Lowell Sun of last Sunday, has just upped its bottom figure to $4200.

What happens next, in Wilmington?

NIFTY WASN'T THERE

In one respect thd Rotary Picnic of yesterday afternoon was not the same as the previous events.

It was just as joyous, in spite of the showers. There were plenty of things to do, and the food was served in thd usual plentiful quantities.

But Nifty Hoban wasn't there to umpire the baseball game. We heard more than one of the Rotarians and their guests comment on the fact, and the pang in their hearts could be seen on their faces, as they spoke.

SENATE PROPOSES TO REDISTRICT THE MDC

The Massachusetts Senate is currently holding hearings on Senate Bill 595, which proposes to consolidate the Metropolitan North and South District Sewerage Districts, and also to reassess the cost of capital expenditures.

Temporary Town Manager Stanley Webber was in the State House Tuesday morning, checking on the progress. He had no comment to make on what he had learned.

ATTORNEY GENERAL APPROVES NEW ZONING LAWS

Attorney General Edward Mc Cormack, of Massachusetts, on July 27th approved of three Zoning By-Laws, voted unanimously by the Town Meeting of July 1, 1959.

Approved were the new by-law on roof signs, the new by-law on soil and grawel removal, and the re-zoning of land between Main Street and the B&M RR, south of Bridge Lane, from Industrial to General Business

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DIVES INTO SPIKE

Roger Transue, 18, of Pinehurst is recovering after having dived into Silver Lake and driven a spike into his head.

The accident happened on July 29th, off the old Hale Icehouse site, near Main Street.

Transue dove into the water from the town raft, which has been floating around the lake for the past month, and evidently struck some part of the old ice house pier, which was believed to have been completely removed.

A six inch spike pierced the skin on the side of his head, above and behind the left eye, and emerged after having traversed about three inches.

The boy was taken to a Lowell hospital by an uncle, who was a member of the swimming party and is on the road to recovery

BOARD OF APPEALS APPROVES TELLO GRAVEL PIT

The Board of Appeals, last Thursday approved the use of three acres, of a proposed nine acre gravel pit, on property of Daniel Tello, in No. Wilmington.

The nine acres are all part of a hill.

A minimum elevation of 105 feet was set, with a gradient of not less than ½ of 1%. The operation of the pit is to follow the regulations to be further prescribed by the Selectmen.

Tello told the Board of Appeals that he expects to be over the next year, with about three trucks working.

After the three acres have been cleared Tello may appear again before the Appeal Board for an extension of operations

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TOWN NOTES

Weather

Just .01 inches of rain this week, in a thunderstorm on Saturday morning.

But yesterday turned out to be a showery day - the day of course that Rotary and the merchants of Wilmington had their annual picnic. It didn't stop the boys from going, we must report - nothing will stop a Rotary Picnic.

Championship

No matter what the boys may say, the Rotary Golf Championship was decided two days before the picnic, on the Arundel Golf Course, in Kennebunk, Maine.

Bill Stevens and Henry Porter teamed up to defeat two other two-somes, namely and to-wit John Collins and Larry Cushing for one, and John Ritchie and Johnny Cooke for the other.

We are told that the language of Collins and Cushing was real scholarly, after the game. We weren't told about what Cookie and Ritchie said.

Blueberries

This is probably the worst year on record, for blueberries in our fair Town of Wilmington.

Generally our swamps provide plenty of the high-bush variety, and generally our swamps are dry during the months of June and July, while the berries are forming.

This year the story is different. Blueberries are growing on the high land - but in the swamps - nix!

Highway

We don't know if there is any basis for the rumor, but everyone believes that the new Route 93 is going to be opened for traffic over the Labor Day weekend.

It will just be a special opening, for a couple of days. Of course plenty of people have been using the highway, evenings, after Campanella & Cardi have knocked off for the day, but the opening isn't scheduled until sometime next spring.

Meanwhile let it be noted that operations had proceeded yesterday to the point where Lowell Street was being dug up, down near John Elia's store. Adds to the inconvenience of the motorist, of course, but its for a good cause.

Why Henry Didn't Go

Postmaster Henry Porter did not go to the Rotary Picnic this year. It was the first time in years that he missed the event.

There is a secret to be told as to why Henry didn't go.

Some years ago, as our readers may remember, we borrowed the Golf Clubs of the Rev. Richard Harding, for the annual picnic. We forgot some beer cans in the golf bag, and they weren't empty.

Henry just heard about it last week, and he figured that if he could borrow those clubs there might be something in the bag besides golfballs, etc

But then he heard that others had borrowed them, and he is now certain that the bag contains nothing that would be illicit from the viewpoint of a Methodist Clergyman.

It was enough to make Henry want to stay home.

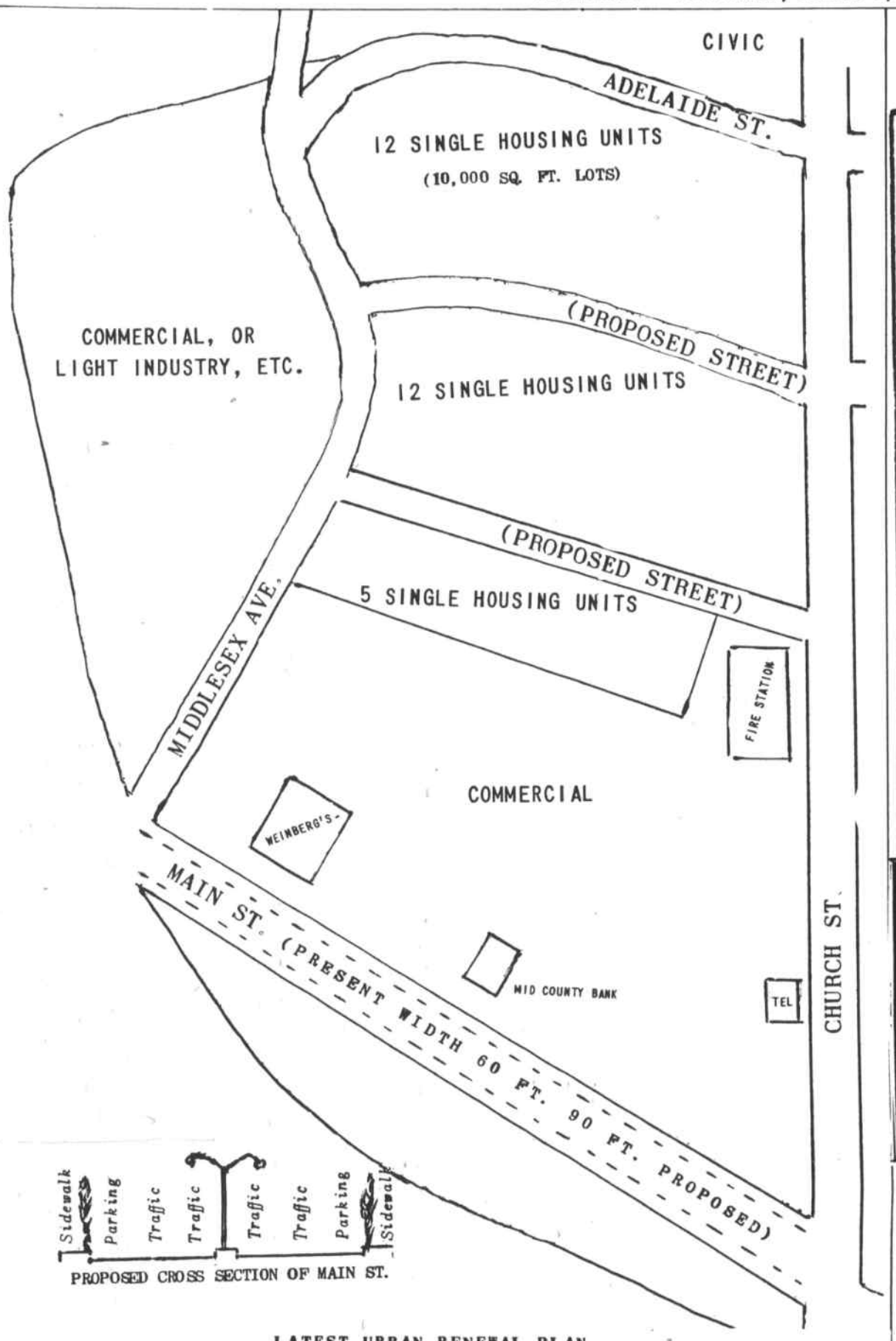
Confetti in the Town Hall

There was confetti in the Town Hall Monday afternoon, as Mrs. Esther Russell, Town Clerk was asked to justify her position as Justice of the Peace by performing a marriage ceremony.

A Burlington boy and a Malden girl were united in wedlock. They brought with them a Best Man, a Maid of Honor, and assorted friends, who threw the confetti after the knot had been tied.

The last time, previous to this, that the Town Hall was the scene of a wedding was on a Christmas Eve, while the late Mary Gilligan was Town Clerk. The circumstances must have been slightly different on that occasion, for the bride was reported to have remarked, after the ceremony - 'There now, I hope you are satisfied'.

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LATEST URBAN RENEWAL PLAN

A Land Use Plan, prepared by the Victor Gruen Associates, and shown to the Wilmington Planning Board, Tuesday evening, of Wilmington Square and environs. The Plan, or a modification of it will be shown to the Wilmington Housing Authority next Tuesday. The Planning Board indicated that it was not in favor of any housing in the project.

HAROLD CARTA IN HOSPITAL

Harold Carta, Glen Road is a patient in the Lowell General Hospital, with blood poisoning of the knee.



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Town Notes
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Jimmy Newhouse

Wilmington Little League afficanados who watched the Woburn-Wilmington game were surprised to see Jimmy Newhouse, (who played on Wilmington's All-Star team last year) playing for Woburn. Woburn is now his home.

Our Little Leaguers affectionately called him 'Traitor' and wished him luck.

Jimmy and his gang are getting to the big time, in Little League.

Since defeating Wilmington Woburn has won every game, up to and including Malden, Monday evening. They play Peabody Saturday, and if they win they go on to the State Tournament in Franklin.

Theoretically Woburn has six teams to beat, to Williamsport, and the LL World Series which might possibly mean that Jimmy Newhouse's gang has a chance to reach the Dizzy Heights.

Doc Buzzell's Home

Newcomers to Wilmington, i.e. people who have moved in during the past twenty years will recognize the name of Doctor Buzzell only by the Buzzell School, which was named in his honor.

But the oldtimers remember the old gentlemwn well.

We bring up the subject because the old White place, in Wilmington Square, was torn down this week. We refer to the building in which Tony had his donut shop, which was condemned recently by the Board of Health.

It was in this building, back in 1880s that the young Vermont Doctor first set up his practice, and we believe that it was also in this building his son Philip, now our Town Counsel was born.

Now the building is no more.

And while we are talking about the old doc we might notice that Bill Cavanaugh, a few doors down the street, who owns the building in which Doc Buzzell lived and practiced in the latter part of his life, has had aluminum clapboards placed over the old brown stain shingles which were an old trademark for Doc.

Doc wouldn't recognize his old home now.

No Quorum!

The Finance Committee, meeting Tuesday evening, found itself in the embarrassing position of not having a quorum, and had to delay the opening of the meeting until other members had been hastily summoned by telephone.

The Wildcat Rumors

As most of our townspeople know, there have been all sorts of rumors about the Wildcat Railroad, and how the B&M would have to go back to the Western Division, through No. Wilmington.

One of the reasons is the apparant cost of double crews on the Wildcat, stemming from a reported difference of opinion with the unions as to whether trains on the Wildcat should be operated by 'Eastern' or 'Western' division crews. Some of our friends have been chortling that sometimes there are more conductors than passengers on the trains of the Wildcat.

Bill Hall, of the Victor Gruen Associates told the Planning Board, Tuesday evening that S. B. Hitchings, Passenger Agent of the B&M had told him there was no truth to the rumors, and that there was no contemplation of changing the present service.

Hall also reported that Hitchings had said that the sale of the Wilmington Depot will not affect the sale of tickets in that station. The agreement with the Rail & Realty Co. of Boston stipulates that space for a ticket agent will be retained, by the railroad.

Butter Fingers

Besides being dad to three of the five Sullivan girls in the St. Dorothy's team, Ed Sullivan of Grove Avenue is Coach of the Little League Tigers, and an incurable ham at heart.

In the game against the All-Star team Sunday Ed was worrying that the Dad's would win, as were many of the other men. Not that they didn't play hard, but if they saw they were getting too far ahead some of the men would make a stupid play, like letting a grounder roll between their legs.

Ed committed the error so many times that he earned the sobriquet of 'butter fingers'

Over the Fence

One of the rules adopted for the game was that any Dad who hit a ball over the fence had a strike counted against his.

That fence was a mighty temptation, just the same. A fellow who had the ball whizzing over the plate just couldn't resist the temptation. He would whale the pill, and over the fence it would go.

Then the Ump would say 'Strike One'. In the case of a third strike the Ump would say 'You are Out!'

Whereupon some of our Dads had a different kind of wail!

Bob Hasting Jr., Coach for the team, was one of those who forgot, and learned.

Doc MacDougall's Writing

Several of our sharp eyed readers pointed out that there was a mispelling of names of Mexican cities, in Doc Mac's letter of last week.

Don't blame us. We did our best to read the Doc's handwriting.

A year ago, when the Doc sent us letters from far out west we took one of the letters down to Mel Woodside, figuring he would be able to read it.

Mel filled up a bottle with pills, and charged us $5.

Fishing

We hear that Lake Quannapowitt, down in Wakefield, is to be reclaimed, for bass fishing

The 284 acre lake is due to be cleaned of the carp and bluegills on Aug. 28th., after which there will be a full stocking of yearling and fingerling bass.

Sounds good. When they did that at Silver Lake they forgot to close off the stream which flows from the lake, and the trash fish just came back in no time flat. The bass are rare, and hard to find.

We don't believe that 150 of the bass which were planted in Silver Lake were ever caught, and we feel that the bass population now is below 100.

Swimming

We reported last week that a lot of North Reading people were using Hathaway's pit as a swimming place, now that work there is at a standstill.

The North Reading people had to use the pit-lake, when the Board of Health of that town closed the beach at Martin's Pond, and on the Ipswich. Some of the children were coming home with a rash, after swimming.

Last Saturday conditions at Hathaway's pit were so crowded that the Ice Cream Man stayed there all afternoon, with his truck!

The swimming, according to one of our acquaintances is rather peculiar at the pit, due to the ridges of sand left by the 'clam-shovel'.

Near the narrow part of the pond is a relatively shallow spot, safe for kiddies, altho the bottom is somewhat 'corrugated'

In other parts, where the deep water exists, a person will be swimming along, and suddenly run aground on a ridge of sand, left there by the shovel. 18 inches further the water again becomes very deep.

We still prefer Silver Lake.

Other Swimming

One of our readers called the office the other day to report that he had taken seven children from his neighborhood to a swimming pool in a nearby town, and six of them had become sick. The pool, which he reports being about three acre size, is now a commercial venture, being a former gravel pit, a la Hathaway. 50 cents is charged to swim there.

Half an hour later another of our readers reported that a friend of his had gone to the same pool, and also became sick.

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MORE REPAIRS FOR WILDWOOD SCHOOL

For the second year in succession flooring in the Wildwood School has had to be replaced. This year about 120 square feet, in two sections was found to have rotted because of dampness.

Above Jimmy Lawrence, of Gowing Road is chiseling into the foundation to find where the water gets into the building. F8



HERE IS WHERE I WAS

Joe Lynch, Rural Main Carrier, points to the place where his car was, when it became involved in an accident, Monday morning, on Shady Lane Drive. The driver of the other car was Mary Lipski, of Lawrence Street. F3

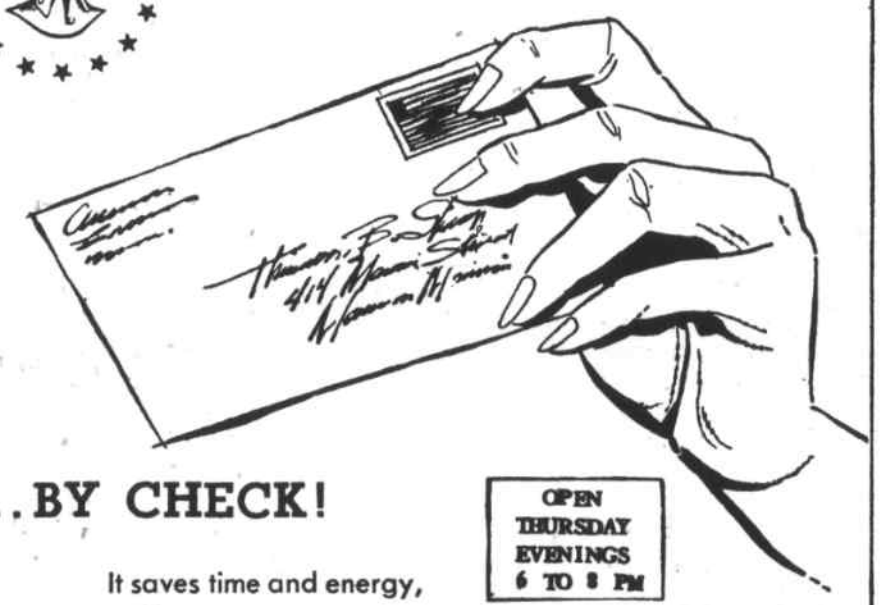
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YOUTH CANTEEN NEWS

A special meeting of the Adult Committee of the Youth Canteen, held last night, discussed numerous ideas for the improvement of the facilities.

Plans were completed for the coming Field Day and Horse Show, to be held on the Jensen farm, on Andover Street, on August 15th.

The Field Day is to start at 10:30 am. A Grand Parade, for the Horse Show is to be held at 12 Noon.

There are to be many games, and booths. Prizes will be provided for the winners.

The Nite-Trains combo is to play again this Saturday evening, in the Wildwood School, for the regular Youth Canteen dance. The tickets are still 75 cents, and refreshments are available.

There is to be another meeting of the Youth Canteen tonight, at the Canteen Hall, at 7:30., in which the main discussion will be the Field Day.

TOM BAILEY APPOINTED RURAL CARRIER

Thomas Bailey, Park Street, has received the appointment as Rural Carrier from the North Wilmington Postoffice, according to unofficial advice from Washington.

Mr. Bailey, now employed as a Postoffice Clerk at the East Boston Airfield, has had 8 years service with the Post Office Department.

The route to which he is to be appointed is that now serviced by Temporary Carrier Joseph Lynch.

STEVEN'S SUPERMARKET OWNERS BUY READING STORE

Jackson Pastor and Jacob J. Gordon, owners of Stevens Supermarket have purchased the former First National store, on Haven Street, in Reading. The reported price of sale was $65,000.

They bought the property from Ernest P. Robitaille of Brookline.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS

Gladys H. McQuaid and husband to Robert L. Darling and wife, Greenville Street.

Willie J. Bishop and wife to Stoneham Cooperative Bank, Forest Street.

AIR CONDITIONING TO BE INSTALLED IN ROMAN HOUSE

The School Committee has voted to spend $812.00, from money accruing from the Federal Government under Public Law 874, for the installation of air conditioning in the main floor of the Roman House.

Three 'York' units are to be purchased and installed by the D. J. Sullivan Company of Lowell.

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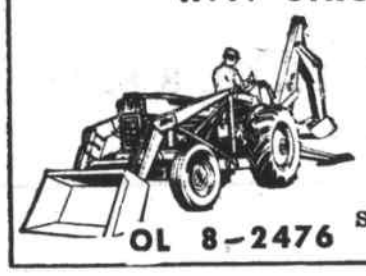
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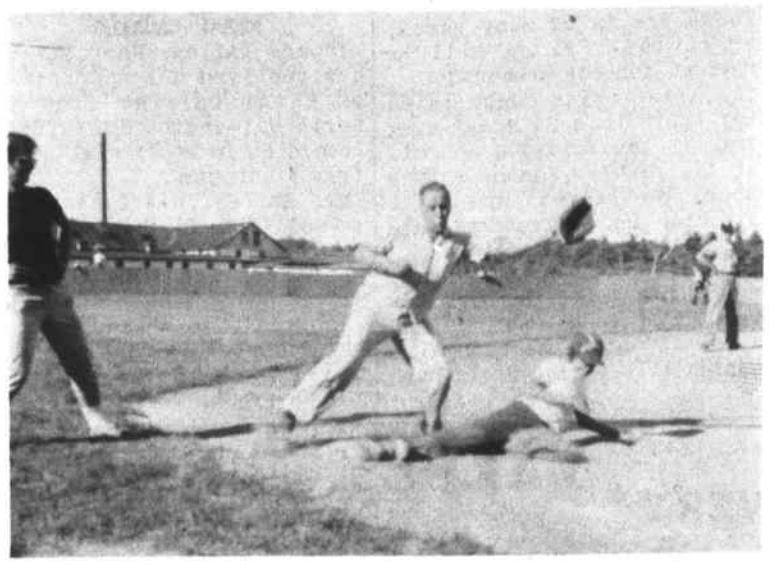
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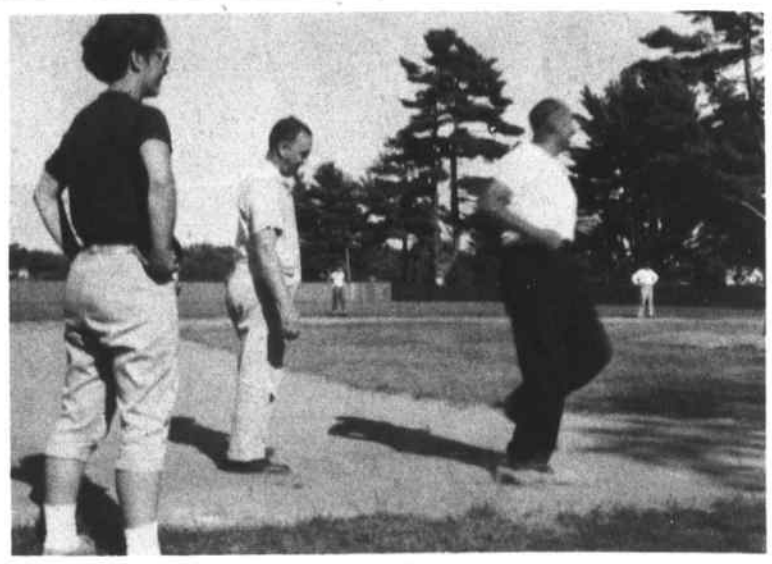
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STEALING THIRD THE HARD WAY

Stealing third, the hard way, in the All-Star game, is Lynn Billings, of Strout Avenue. Al Dell Isola holds out the glove for the ball that did not arrive in time. F7



TONY STEALS THIRD

Tony Toti, Coach of the Little League All-Stars, stealing third, during the game with the Dads, Sunday. Tony played with his boys.

The non-plussed thirdbaseman is Al Dell Isola, of Brand Avenue, and the beautiful Umpire (f) is Mrs. Ralph Anderson of Shawsheen Ave. F6

GRAVEL AGAIN BEING EXCAVATED FROM TOWN LAND

Gravel is again being excavated from town owned land, near the Woburn line, Building Inspector Minot Anderson reported to the Town Manager last Thursday.

The excavations are in the same site that was reported a year ago, in land that seems to be part of another lot.

Town Engineer George Maynard confirmed that the excavations are taking place in town owned land.

The operator, who is reported as being the same one who was excavating material before, was told on Friday to move his shovel, and moved it to a point 50 feet inside the Woburn City line.

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BOARD OF APPEALS APPROVES ALL PETITIONS AT HEARING

All five petitions before the Board of Appeals, last Thursday, were approved.

Tello's gravel pit,, elsewhere reported, was with limitations

A variance in the zoning was granted Lionel M. Baldwin of Andover Street, because he had lost part of his land with the layout of the new route 125.

A variance in lot lines was granted to Edsel Tocci of Watertown, in a development he is planning on the Fay estate on Woburn Street. All lots are of the full size required.

Harold L. Stevens of Chestnut Street was granted a variance to allow for the construction of a dwelling, but only after he submits a plan showing the details proposed.

Adrian Durkee, of Clark St. was granted a variance for the erection of a tool house.

NAVAL RESERVE OPENINGS IN LOWELL

A change in the requirements for young men joining the US Naval Reserve had been announced by LCDR T. C. Ondrechen, USN, Commanding Officer of the US Naval Reserve Training Center, Bedford Ave Lowell

The age limitations, which were from 17 to 18½ for many years have now been extended from 17 to 26.

Billets have been made available in both of the Surface Divisions. These divisions drill on Monday and Tuesday nights.

LCDR Ondrechen has pointed out that men affected by the change should contact Chief Britton at the Naval Reserve Training Center as soon as possible, because there is no indication as to how long the new policy will be in effect.

VISIT AFTER 47 YEARS

Mrs. Wavie Drew, West Street, was visited by her brother, S. Melvin Spidell, of Inglis, Manitoba, last week.

It was the first time she had seen her brother since he was 11 years old, 47 years ago. He is a school teacher in his home town.



WHO BROUGHT HIM HERE?

The surprise of the game between the Little League All-Stars and the Dad's team was Len Bryant, of Chase Road, Hathaway Acres.

His pitching was superb, and it wasn't until the game was half over that the Dads discovered he used to play with the (Brooklyn NY) Dodgers farm system.

Len is going to coach a team for the Little League, next summer. F5

DADS BEAT ALL STARS 6 - 5

Wilmington's All Star (Tournament) Little League team was defeated 6 to 5, in their annual game with the Dads, Sunday afternoon, in the Little League Park.

Special rules, which were intended to cut the Dads down to size had only a partial effect on the outcome. Dads were not allowed to hit the ball over the fence, and there were other restrictions.

The Dads, towards the end of the game were observed to muff quite a few balls, apparently by accident, which was against the rules, but they still won, 6 to 5.

LL MOTHERS LOST - 9 - 2

The old zip, vim and vinegar wasn't in the Little League Mothers, Sunday, when they had their annual game with the Minor League All Stars.

Generally the ladies have outlandish costumes, and some sort of gag about the umpire or their manager, or some other unfortunate individual.

Al MacMullin was the coach for the ladies. He wasn't required to wear a mop on his head, and he didn't have any outlandish costume. All Al had to do was to groan as the ladies muffed the ball.

George Szadis was coach for the boys, and he had a very calm afternoon - he was sassed only once or twice.

All told it was a very calm afternoon, and the boys won 9 to 2.

The reason - the Little League Boys went on record this year that they wouldn't play unless the mothers played 'fair and square'. That, of course, was impossible for the ladies - but they tried.

LIBRARY NOTES

People are reading! Whether in spite of, or because of, TV there has been a tremendous increase in the circulation in all libraries from the smallest library, open only a few hours one day a week, to large city libraries open sixty-two hours a week. At the University of New Hampshire, where, with forty librarians from four New England States, New Jersey, Virginia and Kansas, I recently spent a 'busman's holiday' studying public library techniques, all had the same report and the same problem - how to give the best possible service with present facilities. Much has been accomplished, but there is still much to be done, and trustees and librarians everywhere are working hard to bring better service to their communities.

Here are some recent additions to the Reference Department: The Reader's Encyclopedia, Encyclopedia of American History, Brewer's Dictionary of Phrase and Fable, Complete Rhyming Dictionary, Encyclopedia of the World, Information Please Almanac, Webster's Geographical Dictionary, Massachusetts History and Government of the Bay State, Your Government Guidebook, Famous First Facts, Twentieth Century Authors, Harper's English Grammar.

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KENNY SACCHIONE' S PICTURE

Kenny Sacchione, of Shawsheen Avenue, (extreme right) Little League Tournament Player just had to get into this picture of the Little League All Dad Team.

Left to Right, Front row, Al Dell Isola, Ray Sampson, George Szadis, Len Bryant, Talbot Emery and Eddie (Butterfingers) Sullivan.

Rear: Mike Anderson, Walter Currier, Corydon Coombs, Bob Hastings Jr.. Joe Tennihan and Weyman Billings. F9

176 AT ROTARY PICNIC

176 Rotarians from Woburn and Wilmington, and their friends ate 10 bushels of clams, three barrels of lobsters, fifty dozen ears of corn, and a lot of other assorted goodies, all prepared by the Master Hands of Harry Huntley and Herb Pickering, Past Presidents of the Wilmington Club.

The outing, as usual, was held at the Tyngsboro Country Club, yesterday afternoon, and only a few drops of rain fell.

Fred F. Cain won honors at the table for consuming the most corn.

Austin P. Bent, of Billerica turned in the lowest score card, for golf, with a 78 for 18 holes.

Bill Stevens of Coombs Furniture, and Ed. Osberg of National Polychemicals claimed the two-some golf championship but were unable to explain Bent's score. Steven's racked and 81 and Osberg an 83.

His Honor, Justice Henchey of the Woburn Court declared that if he had Stevens and Osberg in court he would fine them for contempt, in view of their actual golf scores.

The Rotarians declared that it was the best picnic ever.

THIBEAUS BACK FROM NEWPORT

Town Sanitarian and former Acting Town Manager Patrick Thibeau and family have returned home from a week's vacation at Newport, R. I.

VFW PLANS LABOR DAY BLOCK DANCE

The Nee-Ellsworth Post 2458 is planning a monster block dance, all day Labor Day, on the parking lot of Weinberg's Store.

LIST OF BIDDERS FOR THE GARAGE - POLICE STATION

Sarno Construction Company, Winchester, $118,000. Griecci Construction Co. Belmont, $123,889. Sasso Construction Co. Malden, $125,353. Walsh construction of Salem, $128,800. Caputo of Winchester $128,990.

Tocci, Watertown, $129,495. Fichera, Lawrence, $132,676. AAA Co., Natick, $132,998. Findley, Dedham, $135,000. Peabody Construction, Boston, $137,385. Scaldini, Medford, $138,274. Margill, Brighton, $142,350. Morrill Construction, W. Newton, $151,520.

Not included in the General Contract bid are four alternates.

The alternates, all of which will apparantly be taken, include the construction of a carport at the Police Station, as well as a 'drunk Cell', and the construction of an Extra Bay and the use of acoustical tile, at the Town Garage.

ST THOMAS NEWS

MASSES: Sunday 7, 8, 9 (church and hall), 10, 11 (church and hall), 12.

Weekday 7:30 a.m.

THURSDAY: 4 and 7:30 p.m. Confessions in preparation for First Friday.

FIRST FRIDAY: Masses are at 7:30 and 9 a.m., and Sacred Heart Devotions at 7:45 p.m.

NEXT SUNDAY: Communion day for the men of the parish.

9:15 a.m. TV Mass sponsored by the Woburn Area Holy Name Society. Father Tyrell of St. Dorothy's parish will celebrate the Mass, and St. Thomas choir will render the music.

PRAYERS: Elizabeth Cushing who was buried the past week. Mary Maguire, Mrs George Cushing, Our Sick and Deceased Parishioners

BIRTHS

FANTASIA, Mark, third son, to Mr and Mrs Albert Fantasia, 3 Cottage Avenue, in Choate Memorial Hospital, Woburn, July 30th.

Mark has three sisters, two of whom, Laura and Lorna, are twins.

HOOPER, Nancy Grail - born August 1, 1959 at Melrose-Wakefield Hospital, 3rd child, 1st girl. Parents are Mr and Mrs William G. Hooper Jr, 11 Strout Avenue. Grandparents are Mr and Mrs William G. Hooper of Scarborough, Maine, and Mr and Mrs Frederick Cheeseman of Winthrop, Mass.

URBAN RENEWAL

In the past few months the subject of Urban Renewal for Wilmington has commanded considerable attention and created many discussions amongst the local citizenry.

The Wilmington Housing Authority believes that the Urban Renewal program provides the opportunity to improve the community and promote sound overall growth.

To the end of promoting a wider understanding of Urban Renewal, the following basic questions and answers are provided.

Q. Just what is renewal?

A. Briefly, renewal is a total approach to a community's problems. Included in such an approach is the acquisition and clearance of slums and blighted areas which are then sold or leased for the construction of new buildings in accordance with a town approved plan.

Q. By what authority does the agency carry out Urban Renewal

A. The Federal and State Governments have recognized the importance of eliminating slums and blight in communities by enacting what is called 'enabling legislation'. Basically, authority for such programs in Massachusetts is derived from the Housing Authority Law, General Laws, Chapter 121.

Q. Will the Wilmington Housing Authority help me find another place to live or another location for my business?

A. Yes. The relocation staff will assist you in finding suitable dwellings in which to live and other locations for your businesses, both according to your means. The staff will work with real estate firms to assemble and maintain a list of vacancies and to develop additional housing and business locations.

Q. Will all persons and businesses move at one time?

A. No. The project area will be cleared in such a manner that there will be ample time for the relocation of all concerned.

Q. Will the Wilmington Housing Authority help with the cost of moving?

A. Yes. Through Federal funds project residents will be reimbursed for moving costs up to $100.00. Each business and institution is eligible for a maximum payment of $2500. To cover the combined cost of moving and the loss of value for personal property sustained because of the move. Those eligible for payments must be occupying the property at the time it is sold to the authority. Relocation specialists will assist occupants in processing their documented claim

Q. Is there an Urban Renewal project office where information can be obtained?

A. Yes. The office is located in the New Community Building at the Housing for the Elderly project, Deming Way, Wilmington, Mass., telephone OL8-8531 contact Mr. James W. Franklin, Executive Director, or ask any member of the Wilmington Housing Authority.

Q. What will be paid for real property?

A. Fair market value will be received if the property was put up for sale and sold to any other buyer under normal market conditions. Cash will be paid for equity in the property, and in addition, all services required in closing the real estate transactions will be handled by the Wilmington Housing Authority's Representatives without cost to the owner

Q. Is there any special financing available for thd businessman?

A. Yes. The small business administration can make loans to certain businesses if such loans are unattainable from local banks. The interest rates are about the same from both sources, but less collateral is required by the small business administration. Businesses which sell alcoholic beverages are not eligible for this type of loan.

Q. Are all properties in the project area being acquired?

A. No. The Town Fire and Police Building, the Telephone Exchange, the Middlesex County National Bank Building and Weinbergs Department Store are not scheduled to be acquired for the Urban Renewal Project.

Q. Will all of the buildings in the project area be torn down?

A. All of the substandard buildings, with the exception of the buildings on the properties not being acquired, are scheduled to be removed.

Q. What type of buildings will be built in the area after the land is cleared and improved?

A. General commercial, meaning retail stores and residential use.

Q. Who will build the new structures?

A. All new structures will be built by private enterprise, following the land use plan set forth in the 'final project plan' for the area.

Q. Will the present occupants of the area be able to participate in the redevelopment of the new area?

A. Yes. Qualified owners of property may participate in redevelopment.

The aim of the Wilmington Housing Authority is:

To renew 'Wilmington Center' in the best possible manner for the benefit of the entire community; To merit your confidence and good will by care, courtesy, and constructive cooperation; To use every means available to protect you, the property owner, or occupant of this renewal area.

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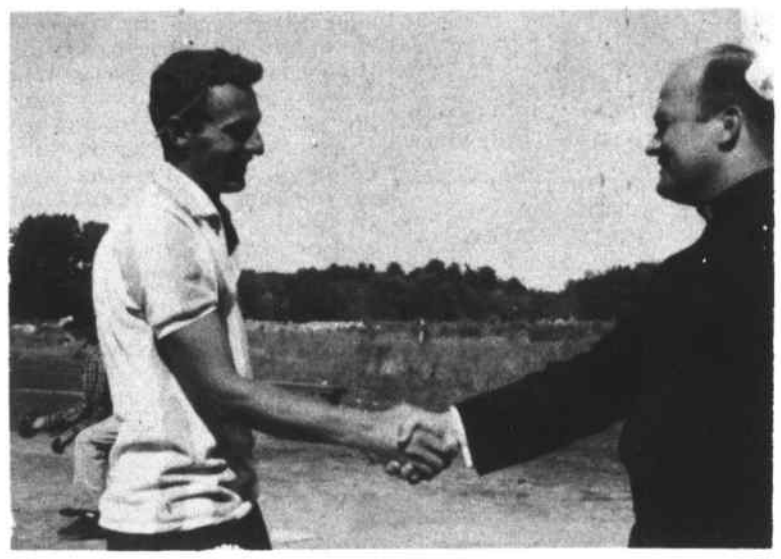

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THE FIVE SULLIVANS
Like the US Navy, St. Dorothy's Girls Softball Team has its Five Sullivans. Left to Right are Ann, Marie, Ruth, Elaine and Margaret. In back is Father David Tyrell, Curate, and Number One Spectator. F1



TRY AGAIN NEXT YEAR
Father David Tyrell of St. Dorothy's congratulates Dick Ethier Jr., coach of the girls' softball team, after the loss to St. Brendan's, Sunday afternoon. They are planning for bigger and better teams, next year. F2

LETTERS

Capt. Larz Neilson
Town Crier
Dear Larz:

This is to express the sincere appreciation of girls on St. Dorothy's Baseball Team, and of myself, for the wonderful turnout, at the AVCO Park, Sunday, when we met our match against St. Brendan's, the defending champions The girls tried hard, and lost. Perhaps they will do better next year. They certainly appreciated the support of their fellowtownspeople.

Sincerely,
Dick Ethier Jr. Coach.

34 Grove Ave.
July 30, 1959
Wilmington Town Crier
Capt. Larz Neilson, Editor
No. Wilmington, Mass
Dear Larz:

May I, through your paper correct an unfortunate understanding?

Wilmington's ever active but frequently erroneous grapevine, is currently circulating two rumors:

1. Stan Webber's first act, on being appointed Temporary Town Manager, was to discharge me.

2. The Board of Selectmen, immediately upon the effective date of Mr. Calabrese's resignation, discharged me.

Due to the fact that these rumors are most unfair to both the Temporary Town Manager and to the Board of Selectmen. I wish to state that the termination of my employment was amicable - and with understanding and consideration on both sides.

The Board of Selectmen felt, and I fully concurred, that the new Town Manager should have the perogative of selecting his own secretary. The termination of my employment was on a most friendly basis, and the Selectmen voted to ask me to re-apply, if I so desire when Mr. Lancaster assumes his official duties.

I have thanked Mr. Kidder, Chairman of the Selectmen, and Mr. Webber, Temporary Town Manager, - privately, for their courtesy. I now do so, publicly.

Both gentlemen are fully aware that if I am needed during the interim period, before the new TM arrives, I shall be happy to cooperate.

Sincerely yours
Ruth M. Gratcyk

The third and deciding game in a playoff series between the Wilmington Wildcats and the Reading Y's Men of the Reading Pony League which was scheduled to be played last Saturday morning has been cancelled. The Wilmington team decided to forfeit the game and the series to avoid the possibility of a recurrence of the trouble which followed the second game played at Reading on Friday evening.

In the Friday game, which Reading eventually won 2-1 in the last of the seventh inning the closeness of the game and some questionable umpiring kept the large crowd of spectators excited, and the excitement did not abate with the end of the game. Some scuffling ensued among the spectators for a period of ten or fifteen minutes following the game. None of the players on either side was involved; in fact, the boys were all shaking hands with one another immediately after the game.

In the first game played between these two teams at Reading early in the season some of the fans had refused to permit the Wilmington players to get a drink of water at the fountain. To avoid trouble, the Wilmington players had merely walked away. Mr. Robert Mollica, manager of the Reading team, was dismayed when he learned of the incident, and he later commented on the perfect behavior of the fans at games played in Wilmington.

With this background of unsportsmanlike conduct by some of the fans, we decided that it was not worth subjecting the boys to another game where difficulty among the fans was such a real possibility.

Bob Hastings, President
Wilmington Pony League



THE ONLY RUN
Ann Sullivan, of Grove Ave. crosses the plate for the only run by St. Dorothy's, at AVCO park, Sunday afternoon. F4

ST DOROTHY'S BOWS TO ST BRENDAN'S
Loses to N.E. Champs

St. Dorothy's girls soft ball team lost their chance for a shot at the Massachusetts CYO State Championship, Sunday afternoon, at AVCO Park. A more powerful and more experienced team of girls from St. Brendan's in Dorchester defeated the locals 7 to 1.

The game was in contention all the way to the sixth inning, when the visitors scored five runs.

Miss Madden, pitcher for St. Brendan's completely snuffed out any chance for St. Dorothy allowing only four hits.

The St. Brendan's team has been the New England CYO champ for the past two years.

BAPTIST VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

The Vacation Bible School of the First Baptist Church of Wilmington, Mass. will be conducted from Monday, August 10 through Friday, August 21, excepting Saturday and Sunday, the 15th and the 16th. Children, ages 3-14, regardless of church affiliation are cordially invited. The daily sessions will be from 9:00 am to noon.

Among some of the crafts which will be made by the children themselves will be box gardens, jewel boxes, and painted pictures on glass. Thrilling stories will be made as real as lifd by the Misses Beverly Garrett and Marian Halpin who will be co-directing the school. In addition there will be songs and games which will make for a happy time.

BOARD OF APPEAL DECISIONS

(Seven decisions of the Board of Appeals, recently 'written-up', although previously announced).

Appeal of James P Donahue, Cypress Street, heard Aug. 18, 1958, for variance to side lines on five lots of land on Harnden Street, so as to allow for building of garages in future, if desired. No objectors. Granted.

Appeal of Walpole Woodworkers on Lowell Street for erection of display building closer to front line than law allows.

Heard Aug. 28, 1958. No Objectors. Granted.

Appeal of John H. Sullivan, Salem Street for variance to side lines of 3 lots on Salem Street. Heard Oct. 23, 1958. No Objectors. Granted, providing other provisions of law are observed.

Appeal of David C. Carpenter, 313 Salem Street, for right to continue use of a multiple unit dwelling at 313 Salem St. Heard Oct. 23, 1958. Objectors present. Voted to grant right for a two family dwelling.

Appeal of George Vokey for variance to allow diaganol subdividing of corner lot on Pinewood Road, No Wilmington. Heard Mar. 18, 1959. No Objectors. Granted.

Appeal of Minot J. Anderson, Lowell Street, for right to erect cinder block chimney instead of brick chimney, at 332 Lowell Street. Heard May 15, 1958. No Objectors. Granted, for oil or gas fired burners not over 90,000 BTU.

Appeal of George E. Dunn, Wakefield, for gravel pit on land off Concord Street. Heard June 11 and June 23, 1959. Objectors present. Disapproved.

THE OLD 'WILDCAT' RAILROAD

There is a railroad in Wilmington known, to its inhabitants for some generations as the Wildcat Railroad. It runs from Wilmington station to the Wilmington Junction, the Wilmington station being on the Nashua Division of the B&MRR and Wilmington Junction being on the Portland Division.

The road, which is about 2¼ miles long, is more properly called the Lawrence Branch, by the Boston and Maine Railroad. Until recently only two or three freight trains a day used the track. Now there are many passenger trains, slowly undulating down a wavy track.

The Boston & Maine has 'ballasted' the road, with crushed stone, but the trains have an appearance of weaving and swaying, as they make their way on the old road bed.

The old 'Wildcat', almost forgotten for thirty years or more is back again in the news

Back in 1830, when Wilmington was a town of about 500 people the only through transportation was provided by the Middlesex Canal, which ran from Charlestown to Lowell.

The old canal was the product of the imagination of Colonel Loammi Baldwin, of North Woburn. It had been in operation since 1803, and daily a procession of horse-drawn barges passed up and down the canal, carrying freight. Most of the freight was to and from Lowell which then boasted a population of about 7500 persons and was no mean little city. The freight barges moved at a little over one mile an hour.

There were passenger barges too, two of them, which averaged about eight hours between Boston and Lowell. One of them once accomplished the trip in five hours and 23 minutes, and this was a tremendous feat.

Passengers between Boston and Lowell usually used the stage coach, which used what is now Route 3, through Billerica. It is a matter of record that the stage coach line had about one hundred passengers a day.

But freight, in the winter time, could not travel on the canal, so that in spite of the relative ease of operations in the summer, there was no traffic for about three months of the year.

(One of the few structures left from the Canal, incidently, is the Gowing Lock House, on Shawsheen Avenue, now the home of Murrell Birkle. It was here that the barges were 'locked through' to drop down eight feet to the canal level that ran past what is now Wilmington Square. Here, too, the barge 'Captains' used to put up for the night, to resume their journey next day)

But the Lowell manufacturers, in their cotton mills, were dissatisfied with the slowness of traffic on the canal, and the winter freeze-ups. Patrick T. Jackson and Kirk Booth were among those who wanted a railroad, and a meeting, in Jackson's home, in Boston, on Jan. 27, 1830 launched the beginning of New England's first railroad, the Boston & Lowell.

In spite of the opposition of the Canal, the railroad was chartered, in June 1830, and soon afterwards organized. The charter gave the Boston & Lowell the exclusive right for a railroad to run from Boston to 'any point within five miles of Lowell'. Jackson immediately subscribed $62,000 to buy stock in the railroad.

The route for the railroad was surveyed by James Franklin Baldwin, a son of the Colonel, who had been named for a dear friend, Benjamin Franklin.

Baldwin, like his father, was a Civil Engineer, and it is rather ironic to think that in surveying the route for the new railroad he was in effect disregarding his father's dying wish - to protect and preserve the Canal, for it was the Boston & Lowell Railroad that put the Middlesex Canal out of business.

There is a legend in Wilmington that the Buck family, who owned Wilmington Common, and a lot of land nearby, caused the route to be diverted one half mile westward, by their 'hold-up' prices for land.

This may have been true, but Jackson and Baldwin stayed away from the centers of the towns they went through, as a matter of course. They found it easier to deal with the farmers. The railroad deliberately stayed clear of Woburn center, and Medford Center.

The first passenger train from Boston to Lowell was on June 24, 1835. The trains ran four times a day, two trips each way, and the fare was $1. There were no stops, except at a point in Woburn to take on wood and water.

But it wasn't long before an unanticipated demand was made for local passenger traffic stops, and in 1837 stops were being made at Wilmington. A depot was built, on the south side of the Burlington Avenue bridge.

The Boston & Lowell Railroad was on its way towards being a great success - for many years it was the Number One Railroad in the United States, and no other railroad would try an inovation until the Boston & Lowell had tried it out and pronounced the idea to be a success.

But while the Boston & Lowell served the people of Wilmington, the people of Andover, 7 miles away were left out in the far wilderness.

As early as 1833 a petition to the Great & General Court, asked for the right to connect with the Boston & Lowell, at Wilmington, and a charter was approved on March 15th of that year.

This railroad, the Wilmington & Andover, was the beginning of what is now the Boston & Maine, and the Lawrence Branch follows for some distance the route that was first surveyed for the road to go to Andover.

The idea for the railroad probably started in the Andover Academy and Theological Seminary, at that time a training school for Congregational Ministers, and now better kmowm as Phillips Amdover.

The people of this school, shrewd Yankees, were instrumental in many far reaching moves. It was this school, for instance, that sent Missionaries to the Hawaiian Islands at just about this time, the initial move which eventually led to the Dole Pineapple Empire, and Hawaii becoming a part of the United States.

The Andover Seminary subscribed for a large part of the $100,000 capital stock of the new railroad.

The original survey did not follow the present tracks of the Boston & Maine, after it had passed what is now Wilmington Junction. Instead the way was graded for a railroad around the hill over which Ballardvale Road passes, crossing Lowell Junction Road in Andover near its junction with River Street (Ballardvale St.) The original right of way can still be traced there, as it can further up, at Pomp's Pond in Andover.

But before a single railroad tie had been laid the Directors had a change of heart.

They envisioned a railroad that would go on to Lawrence, and took out some of the curves, to have a line that could continue on to Lawrence if the opportunity offered.

The action was undoubtedly caused by a meeting in Haverhill, in January of 1834, the result of which led to the incorporation of the Andover & Haverhill Railroad.

The first plans of the Andover group had been to run trains from Andover to Wilmington, and then on the tracks of the Boston & Lowell to Boston.

The track was laid on cedar ties, and on August 2, 1836 the first train ran on the new road.

A station was built in Wilmington, at the end of the Wilmington & Andover Railroad. Instead of continuing on to Boston the passengers had to disembark and walk a quarter of a mile south, to the Wilmington depot on the Boston & Lowell.

Thus there were two Wilmington depots, within a quarter of a mile of each other.

The original Wilmington depot of the Wilmington & Andover was moved, in later years to a point across from the present Fire Station, where it is now used as a home. It is perhaps the oldest railroad building in existance in the United States.

The Wilmington & Andover very rapidly extended itself northward, through the Andover & Haverhill, and on Oct 26, 1837 the first train went as far as Bradford, on the Merrimac River.

Meanwhile, in connection with plans to extend to Maine, there had been incorporated, in New Hampshire, on June 27, 1835 the name of the Boston & Maine Railroad.

In 1838 a bridge was built across the Merrimac, and the railroad reached Exeter NH in 1840, at which time the name of Boston & Maine was used, for perhaps the first time.

It is interesting to note that Asa Sheldon 'The Wilmington Farmer' had a lot to do with the construction of the tracks of that original Boston & Maine Railroad. He describes in his autobiography some of the troubles he had with the tracks, up near Haverhill, as he tried to cross swamps, and he relates some of his many conversations with Patrick Jackson, the builder of the Boston & Lowell.

What was perhaps the first 'ballasting' of a railroad track was as the result of an expirement by Sheldon, and he relates in his book how Jackson asked him where stone of the type needed could be obtained. According to Sheldon he got the stone from the Town Farm of Wilmington, but if such was the case there is no trace today of any gravel pit he used.

As the years passed by, in the 1840's it became apparent to the directors of the Boston & Maine that they should have Boston. It was too much to ask passengers to disembark at the Wilmington depot, and walk a quarter of a mile to the other Wilmington depot. Accordingly a route was planned through North Wilmington, Reading, etc directly to Boston.

But planning the route, and getting it were two different things. The Boston & Lowell, mindful of its charter, fought tooth and nail in the State House, finally losing when it was proven to enough legislators that Wilmington Junction was over five miles from Lowell.

Thus the new road was laid and opened, on July 4, 1845, and the Wildcat traffic diverted.

But after the Boston & Maine had bought out the Boston & Lowell, some 40 years later, the Wildcat again became a busy road. Regular trains were run, for passenger service, with a small passenger station at the Salem Street crossing and a shanty at the Glen Road crossing.

There were early morning trains, and later afternoon trains. The early morning trains used to pick up milk, at Salem Street, for the Boston market.

There is also a vestige of a story that a gravel pit operation took place, in the area between Broad Street and Salem Street. There are a few holes which seemingly came from such an operation, and there is a stretch of woodland there which was apparantly at one time graded for railroad cars, but there is no definite proof and if such an operation was carried out it was small in scope.

One of the stories which have come down to us is the death of one of the Sheldon family, (which one is not known) at the Salem Street crossing.

This Sheldon was a butcher, and he was struck by a train and killed, perhaps 80 years ago, as he drove over the crossing at Salem Street. His change purse was run over by the engine, and many nickles and dimes etc., scattered along the right of way.

As recently as World War I money would be found along the right of way, by searching boys - money probably lost by the unfortunate Sheldon.

Passenger service was finally discontinued in 1923, but the name still continues - the 'Wildcat' railroad. Its derivation is unknown, but the name has always been there.

Another of the stories which has come down to us is the proposal of the B&M to locate car repair shops on the Wildcat.

It was an ideal location, from the railroad point of view, for the Wildcat was only two miles long, and repair shops would be able to service both the Nashua and Portland divisions without any undue trouble.

But there were flies in the ointment. Two speculators bought some of the land which the railroad wanted, and tried to make a 'killing'. In addition, when the subject came up in a town meeting there were a number of people who did not want Wilmington to be a 'railroad' town. The opposition was such that, combined with the operations of the two speculators, the B&M dropped all ideas of locating its repair shop in Wilmington, and instead went to North Billerica.

For many years after that there was a moan from the tax-conscious people of Wilmington who would look at the revenue Billerica was getting from the 'car shops'. Recently that moaning has not been heard - perhaps because of the run down condition of the shops, but more likely because the younger generation doesn't know about the 'wonderful' chance that Wilmington missed.

And now the old Wildcat is again running passenger trains and some of them stop daily at about the place where the Sheldon death took place, on Salem Street. Likewise, let it be noted, passengers are now walking from the end of the Wildcat run to the Lowell cars every day, down at the Wilmington depot.

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TOWN OF WILMINGTON
MASSACHUSETTS

PLANNING BOARD
PUBLIC HEARING

The Wilmington Planning Board will hold a public hearing in the Town Hall, at 8 pm on Tuesday August 11, 1959, on the following rezoning article, for the special Town Meeting of August 17th.

ARTICLE 3: To see if the town will vote to amend the Zoning By-Law and Map by changing from a Neighborhood Business District to a General Business District the area of land bounded as follows: Beginning at the southeast corner of Lowell and Woburn Streets, running east along Lowell Street for 200 feet and turning 90° south and running 150 feet, then west parallel to Lowell Street to Woburn Street, then north along Woburn Street 150 feet to point of beginning.

and by changing from a Single Residence A District to a General Business District the area of land bounded as follows: Beginning at a point in the northerly line of Lowell Street at the point of curve between Lowell and Woburn Streets and running northerly by the arc of curve a distance of 87 feet to a point in the easterly line of Woburn Street thence running northerly by said easterly line of Woburn Street a distance of 110 feet to a point; thence turning and running easterly a distance of 255 feet more or less to a point; thence turning and running southerly a distance of 170 feet, more or less to a point in the northerly line of Lowell Street; thence turning and running westerly by the northerly line of Lowell Street a distance of 285 feet to the point of beginning., or do anything in relation thereto.

A. Daniel Gillis, Chmn.
Planning Board

TOWN OF WILMINGTON
MASSACHUSETTS

July 30, 1959

The School Committee of the Town of Wilmington, Massachusetts solicits bids for the procurement of pupils' desks and chairs for two elementary classrooms. Specific information concerning the required items, quantity needed, etc., may be obtained from the Office of the Superintendent of Schools, 159 Church Street, Wilmington, Massachusetts.

Sealed bids must be delivered to the above office on or before August 19, 1959, at 3:00 P.M. Bids will be opened at 8:00 P.M. at the same address on August 19, 1959.

The School Committee and the Town Manager reserve the right to reject any and all bids, if it be in the public interest to do so.

WILMINGTON SCHOOL COMMITTEE,
TOWN OF WILMINGTON,
MASSACHUSETTS.

LEGAL NOTICE

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

Middlesex, ss. Probate Court

To **Carol Lenore Borthwick** of Burlington in the State of New Jersey.

A libel has been presented to said Court by your husband, **Ronald E. Borthwick** praying that a divorce from the bond of matrimony between himself and you be decreed for the cause of desertion and praying that costody of minor child be given to libellee.

If you desire to object there to, you or your attorney should file a written appearance in said Court at Cambridge within twenty-one days from the fourteenth day of September 1959, the return day of this citation.

Witness, JOHN C. LEGGAT, Esquire, First Judge of said Court, this twenty-second day of July 1959.

John V. Harvey, Register.

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LEGAL NOTICE

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

Middlesex, ss. Probate Court

To all persons interested in the estate of **Thomas J. McGuinness** late of Wilmington, in said County, deceased.

A petition has been presented to said Court, praying that **Thomas J. McGuinness, Junior** of Wilmington in the County of Middlesex be appointed administrator of said estate, without giving a surety on his bond.

If you desire to object there to you or your attorney should file a written appearance in said Court at Cambridge before ten o'clock in the forenoon on the twentieth day of August 1959, the return day of this citation.

Witness, JOHN C. LEGGAT, Esquire, First Judge of said Court, this twenty-fourth day of July 1959.

John V. Harvey, Register

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ELIZABETH C CUSHING

Elizabeth C (Delory) Cushing, of 19 Brand Ave passed away on July 28th after a short illness. Born in Canada 78 years ago she was the widow of the late Andrew H. Cushing.

A Requiem High Mass was sung in St. Thomas Church at 9:00am on July 31st., by the Rev. Francis Mackin. Burial was in the Glenwood Cemetary, Everett with committal prayers by the Rev. Joseph Leahy of St. Dorothy's.

Mrs Cushing is survived by four sisters, Mrs. Ellen H. Smith of Everett, Margaret Delory, Mrs Sarah Dadue and Mrs. Alice De Montigny, and one brother, James Delory, all of Canada, three children, Mrs. Doris Tanner, George and Lawrence Cushing, all of Wilmington, and 18 grand children and 14 great grandchildren.

The W. S. Cavanaugh Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

BERT E. ALLEN

Bert E. Allen, a retired B&M employee, died at his home on Pringle Street, in South Tewksbury, on July 29th., after a lingering illness. Born in Everett 66 years ago, he was the husband of the late Bertha Allen, and had lived at his Pringle Street address for 31 years.

Funeral Services were held at the W. S. Cavanaugh & Son Funeral Home, 374 Main Street, on August first, at 2pm., with the Rev. Elliot Castillo of the First Baptist Church officiating. Burial was in the family lot in the Wildwood Cemetary.

He is survived by seven children, Mrs Betty Wendell and Robert Allen, both of Wilmington, Mrs. Barbara Morris of California, Mrs Dorothy March, and Richard, Paul and William, all of Tewksbury, and many grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

CARNES - WASHBURN NUPTIALS

The Congregational Church was the scene, Sunday afternoon of the marriage of Miss Cora Louise Carnes, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Chester C. Carnes, 512 Woburn Street, North Wilmington, to Paul Roland Washburn, son of Mrs Frank Melanson of 20 Ballardvale Street, and the late Paul W. Washburn of Wilmington.

The Rev. Stanley Cummings, former pastor of the church returned from his pastorate in Buckland to join with the Rev. Robert E. Sanders, new pastor, in performing the ceremony.

The altar was decorated with baskets of white gladiolas, mixed with a few yellow glads and palms.

'O Promise Me' and 'The Lord's Prayer' was sung by the soloist, Dr. John Silvers of Andover Street. Mrs. Talbert Emery was the organist.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride had a floorlength gown of rose point embroidered nylon tulle fashioned with a Sabrina neckline and long pointed sleeves. Her bouffant skirt was enhanced with handkerchief peplum of embroidered tulle. A fingertip veil of lace was lined with pearls, and she carried a Rainbow Bible, with white orchid, stephanotis and ivy.

Mrs. Nicholas Del Rossi, of Belmont Avenue, sister of the bride, was her Matron of Honor. She wore a bouffant ballerina length dress with white embossed nylon over maize taffeta, trimmed with matching satin bow, and carried cascade bouquets of yellow carnations, embedded in blue delphinium and ivy.

The Misses Jane Randell, Barbara Odiorne and Nancy Anderson, and Mrs. Daniel Cosman, all friends of the bride, and all of Wilmington were her bridesmaids, All wore ballerina gowns of white embossed nylon over maize taffeta.

Miss Roberta Del Rossi, neice of the bride, was her Flower Girl. She was gowned in a yellow print on white nylon dress, with a flowered headpiece, and carried a basket of flowers similar to the bridesmaids bouquets.

Mr. Philip Washburn, brother of the groom, was his Best Man and the ushers were Roger Carnes of Wakefield, brother to the bride, and Mssrs Henry Danico, Richard Gillis and Roger Quandt, all of Wilmington, friends of the groom.

The Ring Bearer was Master Ronald Del Rossi, a nephew of the bride.

After the ceremony a reception was held in the Church Vestry. A flowered trellis had been made, on which the receiving line stood to receive the guests.

Miss Linda Cooke, a friend of the bride, from Windham, N.H. was in charge of the guest book.

Mrs. Chester Carnes, mother of the bride, chose for her gown in the reception line a dress of grey chantilly lace over a pink underskirt, with light pink accessories and a corsage of pink sweetheart roses. Mrs. Melanson, the mother of the groom wore a dress of aqua linen and lace with yellow accessories, and a corsage of yellow sweetheart roses.

For her going away costume the bride chose a blue print suit with white accessories, and wore a white orchid corsage.

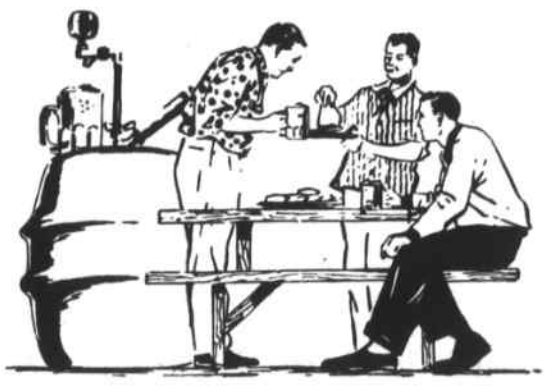
After a honeymoon trip to New York City, Niagara Falls and New Hampshire the couple will make their home in Wilmington.

The new Mrs. Washburn is a graduate of Wilmington High School, class of 1956. She is a Past Worthy Advisor of the Wilmington Rainbow Assembly, a Past Grand Officer of the Massachusetts Grand Assembly and a member of the Grand Cross of Color.

She is employed at the National Polychemicals as a secretary.

Mr. Melanson is a graduate of Wilmington High School, Class of 1953, and Boston University School of Business Administration, Class of 1957. He is at present with the Signal Research Agency of the US Army, at Fort Monmouth, New Jersey.





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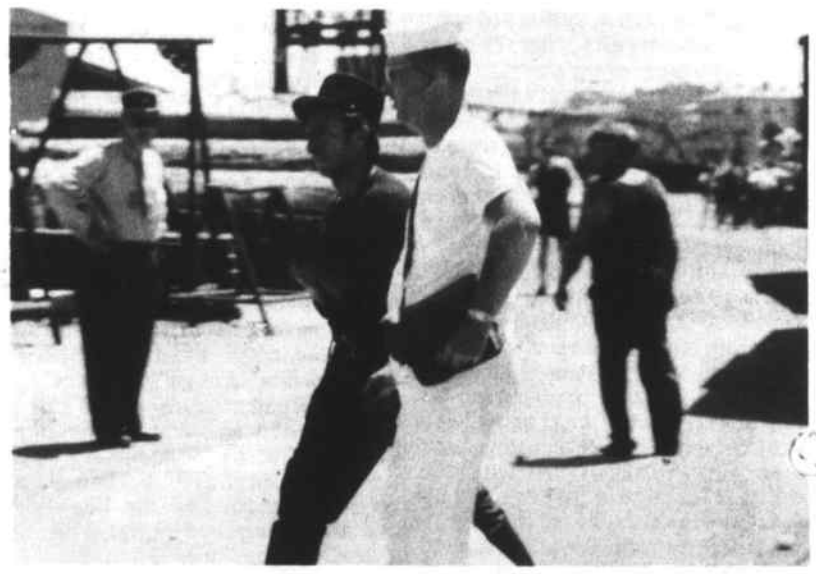
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WILMINGTON SAILOR IN FRENCH RESCUE

Hospital Man Second Class Robert T. Vennard, of Linda Road, No. Wilmington had his picture in a Marseilles (France) newspaper recently for his part in the rescue of some Italian seamen, in the Mediterannean port of Sete, France.

The Italian gasoline tanker Ombrina was burning, and members of the crew of the USS Fort Mandon (Landing Ship Dock) went to the rescue.

The picture, reproduced above shows Vennard escorting an Italian seaman with a broken arm

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